

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

CARLO M. CROCE,

Plaintiff,

v.

NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:17-cv-402

Judge Graham

Magistrate Judge Deavers

Order

The Court heard oral argument in this case on December 11, 2017. At the hearing, the Court granted Plaintiff Carlo Croce leave to amend his Complaint to plead a claim for defamation *per quod*. The Court directed Dr. Croce to file his amended complaint by January 15, 2018 and to serve upon the Court and opposing counsel a redline copy of the amended complaint. Defendants may file a motion to dismiss 30 days after Dr. Croce files his amended complaint. Defendants' motion should only address the new or revised allegations of the amended complaint. Dr. Croce may file a response to Defendants' motion 30 days after the motion is filed. Defendants may file a reply 5 days after Dr. Croce files his response.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ James L. Graham

JAMES L. GRAHAM

United States District Judge

DATE: December 20, 2017